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SECRETARY JOHANNESSEN CONGRATULATES YOUNTVILLE VETERANS HOME ALLIED COUNCIL AWARD RECIPIENTS

SACRAMENTO, CA. – February 10, 2003 – Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary K. Maurice Johannessen, at a recent gathering at Yountville, acknowledged the efforts of elected members of the Allied Council and employees of the Veterans Home.

During a noon luncheon at the Yountville Veterans Home, the Allied Council of the Home presented Achievement Awards to twenty-one individuals. Those being honored included eleven delegates to the Allied Council and ten individual employees at the Home. Special guests at the awards ceremony included Secretary Johannessen and Undersecretary Tom Kraus.

“I am pleased to have the opportunity to participate in such an event,” commented Secretary Johannessen. “All too often, efforts put forth by individuals tend to get overlooked in our daily activities. These awards recognize those who give that extra personal effort to make the lives of the veterans at Yountville a little better,” he added.

Allied Council delegates were honored for their time and commitment during the past two years, as they worked for the entire Allied Council membership. Individual employees at the Home were also recognized for their “special” effort in providing for the veterans above and beyond their normal duties. Both Secretary Johannessen and Undersecretary Kraus assisted Yountville Administrator Marcella McCormack and in presenting the awards.

The Allied Council is made up of all residents at the Home, approximately 1,100 members. They recently concluded their election of delegates consisting of eleven newly elected representatives. Larry Lattman, Chair, and Pete Peterson, Vice-Chair, expressed their appreciation for the interest expressed by the Secretary and his staff with their attendance.

The Secretary added, “We are here to serve the veterans of this state. The Governor, as I, is very concerned about the service California provides its veterans, and I will do everything in my power to assure you the Department of Veterans Affairs provides you with the best.”

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